



FUNERAL PLANNING DIRECTIONS

You are planning the funeral Mass for someone you love. You want this time of prayer to express God's compassion for your loved one and the unique characteristics of this person and your family. This binder will help you through each step. Although it may seem overwhelming, it will be easy if you follow these five steps:

Family Checklist

Remove a "Family Checklist" sheet from this binder. This shows all the choices you are asked to make for the funeral Mass: (songs, prayers of the faithful, readings and readers, and people to bring up the gifts of bread and wine). Write down the choices you make and the names of those who will participate.

Songs

This page in the binder lists all the songs our choir can sing for the funeral. Songs are grouped under four headings. Choose the requested number of songs from each group. Write your choice on the matching line on the Family Checklist.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remove a copy of the "Prayers of the Faithful" sheet. These are read after the homily. Select and mark the prayers you wish, following the suggested number of prayers for each section. Write down the names of 1-3 people, that you've asked to read these prayers, in the highlighted areas on the Family Checklist.

Readings

The majority of the pages in the binder contain suggested Bible readings for the funeral Mass. They are divided into three sections – First Reading, Second Reading and Gospel. You will choose one from each section. Once you have chosen your readings, please ask 1 or 2 people to read the First and Second Readings. Write their names in the highlighted areas on the Family Checklist.

Gift of Bread and Wine

Please ask 1-3 people to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the funeral Mass. Write their names on the Family Checklist.

Please return binder back to the Parish Center. Thank you.